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## Club Calendar

*Tuesday, Jan. 10* – Haitian Dinner, with Haitian entertainment, food, prizes. Door prizes will include an air trip to Haiti for two, plus several bottles of Haitian rum. Reservations are open now. Checks for \$3.00 per person should accompany each reservation.

*Tuesday, Jan. 17* – Open House for Eric Lueth, political writer for the Hamburg (Germany) *Anzeiger*. Cocktails at 6 p.m.

*Tuesday, Jan. 24* – Open House for Dr. Ralph G. Bunche. Cocktails at 6 p.m.

*Thursday, Jan. 26* – World premiere of Warner Brothers' "Helen of Troy" at the Criterion Theatre. Details next week.

*Thursday, Jan. 26* – Luncheon with speaker Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Army Chief of Staff. 12:30 p.m. Reservations open now.

## OVERSEAS TICKER

### SINGAPORE

The name of *Gene D. Symonds*, United Press correspondent who was murdered in Communist-directed riots last summer, is on the plaque put up in the American Club here. He was on the committee that supervised the construction of the only specially built American Club in Asia. – *Edward Hunter*

### RIO de JANEIRO

*Larry Stuntz* has arrived here from Mexico City to become Brazil bureau chief for AP. *James Payne* left Dec. 26 for Texas enroute to Mexico City where he will join the AP bureau. *Fred Strozier* is now headquartering here in his job of AP manager for South America.

– *Henry Bagley*

### MEXICO CITY

The high spot of the Foreign Correspondents Association here was reached this holiday season when every one of

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## CBS CORRESPONDENTS REPORT ON 1955

Eight CBS foreign correspondents were put through their paces by OPC members and *Edward R. Murrow* last week at a special preview of "Years of Crisis: 1955," which was broadcast on radio and television on New Year's Day.

The preview was held at a luncheon at the Hotel Astor in New York and was attended by a near-capacity crowd of members and their guests.

The panel consisted of *Danny Schorr* from Moscow, *Dave Schoenbrun* from Paris, *Bob Pierpoint* from Tokyo, *Dick Hottelet* from Bonn, *Bill Downs* from Rome, and *Alex Kendrick* and chief European correspondent *Howard Smith*, both from London.

(Kendrick and Smith, incidentally, by deserting their posts, missed one of 1955's better stories, when Anita Ekberg's dress fell off in the lobby of London's Berkeley Hotel on New Year's Eve.)

The eight correspondents were asked questions from the floor and their answers were limited to one minute apiece. In sum, they were in fair agreement that the danger of mutual annihilation had decreased in the past year and that economic and ideological competition had increased.

Most commented that U.S. foreign policy had substituted words for deeds. "Retaliation, rollback, and reappraisal"

have become the three R's of U.S. policy, *Schoenbrun* said, although *Downs* reported that Italians were generally uncritical of U.S. foreign policy as long as the off-shore procurement program was in force.

*Hottelet* was asked what was the inside story of *Otto John*, the defecting German security chief. The Bonn correspondent described him as "a twerp," and said that he had been living in a dream world of his own making. He said he doubted that any charges would be brought against John, although it was not outside the realm of possibility that John might decide to make a confession.

*Schoenbrun*, who *Murrow* said was able to make the trip since he had already fixed the French elections, predicted: accurately, as it turned out – that no one would win.

*Kendrick*, who had recently returned from a swing through Africa, said while nationalism was on the upswing, there was little evidence that the Russians were moving in in force.

*Smith* reported that in his bailiwick, 1955 was the first year in his memory when Europeans did not seem to be worried about the future of U.S. foreign policy, despite the looming elections.

## LASKER DEADLINE NEWS

Entry blanks for the Albert Lasker



*Murrow* fields a question and prepares to relay it on at the "Years of Crisis" preview



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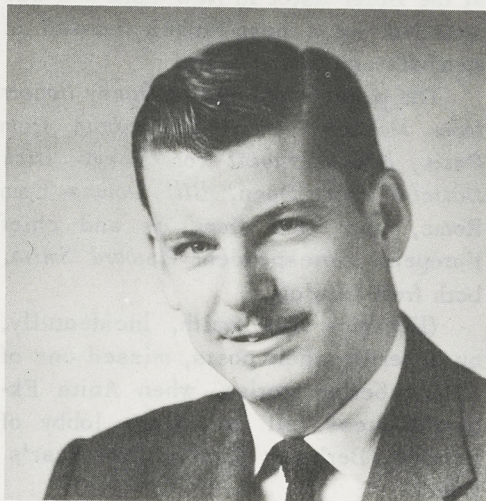
Medical Journalism Awards competition may be obtained from *Harold Mantell*, public information consultant to the Lasker Foundation.

The deadline for entries is Jan. 27.

## COUGHLIN TO LONDON FOR MCGRAW-HILL

*William J. Coughlin* left for London Jan. 4 to take over a new assignment as chief of McGraw-Hill's London news bureau. He will head a five-man staff which covers business and industrial news in England for *Business Week*, *Aviation Week* and other McGraw-Hill publications.

Coughlin, formerly UP bureau chief in San Francisco, has been West Coast editor of *Aviation Week* for three years. He is the author of "Courage Is Not a Sometime Thing," in the current *Reader's Digest*, an article on the first man to bail out of an airplane at supersonic speed and live.



COUGHLIN: To London for McGraw-Hill

## CHARLES SAMUELS' BOOK PUBLISHED THIS MONTH

"Night Fell on Georgia," by *Charles Samuels* will be published by Dell Original Editions early this month.

It is the first, authentic, book-length

account of the 1913 trial, conviction and lynching in Georgia of Leo Frank for the murder of a 13-year-old factory girl.

The book is dedicated to fellow OPCer *Dick Hanser*.

## JAYCEES 'TOP 10' INCLUDES LEVINE

*Irving R. Levine*, NBC correspondent in Moscow, is among the ten outstanding young men of 1955 as chosen by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Selected by a panel which included Ezra Taft Benson, George Meany, Leonard Bernstein and Thurgood Marshall, the ten men were chosen for "outstanding contributions to their professions and to the general welfare of the people." They will receive their awards from Vice-President Nixon at a banquet in Springfield, Ill. on Jan. 14.

Levine, 33, is the only American radio correspondent currently accredited to Russia with a permanent visa. Levine has reported the trial of fifteen Bulgarian Protestant pastors in Sofia, the arrest of Robert Vogeler, the Berlin airlift and twenty-six months of the Korean war.

## PETERS BACK FROM ADDIS ABABA

*C. Brooks Peters*, partner in the public-relations firm of Nichols and Peters, returned to New York recently after two months in Ethiopia.

He was in charge of public relations in Addis Ababa in connection with the celebrations commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coronation of his Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I.

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## TIME O'SEAS STAFF FIGURES IN SIX ASSIGNMENT SHIFTS

Time, Inc. reports heavy traffic among its bureau staffs. Last month six changes of assignment were reported:

1. *Bob Christopher* returned to New York from Rome to rejoin the domestic staff.

2. Life Reporter *Bob Morse* flew to London to replace *John Mulliken*. Mulliken will move to Bonn early this month to replace *John Dille* who returns to the States for re-assignment.

3. Life Photographer *John Dominis* takes over *Howard Sechurek* job in Singapore this month, covering South-east Asia.

4. Life Reporter *Anne Chamberlin* returned to her job in Paris after a tour in the New York office and a Stateside vacation.

5. Stringer *Israel Shenker* has returned to The Hague after a two-week domestic assignment for Time.

6. *Jim and Jane Whitmore* of Time-Life's Rome bureau came to New York Dec. 17 for a vacation.

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the active members received a beautiful case enclosing a bottle of the best French cognac, a set of cognac glasses and an engraved card, "Best wishes from *Adolfo Ruiz Cortines*."

Both the capital and the "Riviera of the Pacific," Acapulco, have been so jammed that many newsmen have been doubling as travel agents, receiving dozens of cables from home offices asking for help in obtaining reservations for friends and families of editors, publishers, etc.

Among OPCers here and in Acapulco over the holidays were *Arthur Reef*, PR assistant director of *Charles Pfizer*, and wife, *Betty*, both on combined business and pleasure trips.

*David Richardson* of Time and wife *Ruth* issued invitations to open house and housewarming on New Years Day in their new San Angel residence.

— *Robert S. Benjamin*

### JAPAN

*Mrs. Esther Van Wagoner Tufty* reported on the way U.S. servicemen spent the holidays away from home for NBC's Home Show, of which she is Washington editor, *John Cameron Swayze's* TV Show, and Weekday.



A rifle, a cameraman, a dead man, and an election issue

## PRESS FREEDOM GROUP

### ACTS IN ALGERIA SHOOTING

The Overseas Press Club's Freedom of the Press Committee moved this week to investigate charges that a French cameraman for Fox-Movietone News had persuaded a gendarme in Algeria to shoot a fleeing Moslem prisoner in order to get sensational footage.

Committee chairman *Ansel E. Talbert* said he had written to former OPC President *Frank Kelley* for full details of the charges, which were made recently in *L'Express*, the Parisian daily which backs former Premier *Pierre Mendes-France*. Talbert said the matter was under investigation, but that any statement would have to await a full report.

The background to the charges was this: Last Aug. 22, in Ain-Abid, a gendarme killed a prisoner with a shot in the back (see pictures).

Six newsmen witnessed the shooting, among them *Georges Chassagne*, a French-Algerian cameraman for Fox, who captured the shooting with some remarkable footage. The pictures were widely distributed in the U.S., and Life used a large chunk of space on them.

They were not seen in France until two weeks ago, when *L'Express* splashed five blowups across page one. The newspaper added that charges that

*Chassagne* had talked the policeman into shooting the prisoner for "a hot sequence" and that the government of Premier *Edgar Faure* had sat on the whole affair for four months.

The Ministry of the Interior then put out a hasty statement confirming the story and adding that *Chassagne* had attempted to bribe the gendarme.

Fox-Movietone immediately denied the charges, as did *Chassagne* himself when he flew into Paris last week. He told newsmen that he had never talked to the gendarme before or after the incident. His denial was almost immediately followed by an announcement from the semi-official *Agence-France Presse* that investigation had failed to back up the government's charge of attempted bribery.

This week, with elections over, newsmen in Paris and elsewhere were waiting to see if there would be any renewal of the charges.

### HYMOFF ON WAR DEAD

*Ed Hymoff*, NBC News & Special Events staffer, has just completed a special Memorial Day article for *Hillman Publications* on the never-ending search by Army Graves Registration personnel to find and identify American dead. It will be on the stands in April.



## 1955 A BANNER YEAR

By *Louis P. Lochner*  
President, Overseas Press Club

Our first year in the Memorial Press Building has given a fair intimation of what may be expected of the Overseas Press Club, once it has unfolded its innumerable possibilities. Within the brief space allotted to me, only highlights of our activities can be enumerated:

The Assembly on News, Knowledge and Freedom in the Americas, sponsored jointly with the Americas Foundation, brought the former presidents of Columbia and Ecuador, besides Dr. Gainza Paz and other important Latin and North American publicists and savants purposefully together.

Through "regional dinners" we learned much about the history, customs, arts, and cuisines of nine countries, and through photographic exhibits by famed news photographers about the daily life of fellow humans at home and abroad.

Freedom of speech and press was championed consistently and was emphasized in our NBC Spectacular, during the CBS international round-up, and by OPC radio and TV shows, including a panel of OPCers inter-

rogating Harold Stassen on disarmament plans.

Successful Book Evenings further indicated the seriousness of our Club's purposes.

The Placement Committee has proven a blessing to scores of OPCers in search of jobs, and the Group Insurance Plan to members in need of inexpensive protection of life and health.

Speakers and discussion leaders for our luncheons and cocktail hour "at homes" included Burmese, Italian and Nigerian premiers, the Chinese foreign minister, UN chief delegates for Great Britain and Korea, French Socialist Leader Guy Mollet; delegations of French, Swiss, German, and Russian journalists; American celebrities Clare Boothe Luce, Helen Hayes, Jacob Javits, Admiral Straus, Mayor Wagner, Senator Kefauver, General Sarnoff, and Centenarian Dr. Brown, not to mention many outstanding speakers from our own ranks.

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#### ACTIVE

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*Rhea Clyman*, Bache & Co.  
*Wilma Dobie*, Benjamin Sonnenberg.  
*H. Peter Dreyer*, Journal of Commerce.  
*Jack D. Fendell*, King Features Syndicate and INS.  
*James M. Quigley*, Stars and Stripes.  
*Ogden R. Reid*, New York Herald Tribune.  
*Thom Yates*, Ethyl Corp.

#### ASSOCIATE

*Charles M. Halverson*.  
*Henning Koefoed*, Norwegian Natl. Travel Office.  
*Dean A. Myers*, J. Walter Thompson Co.  
*Egon Eduard Weck*, free lance.

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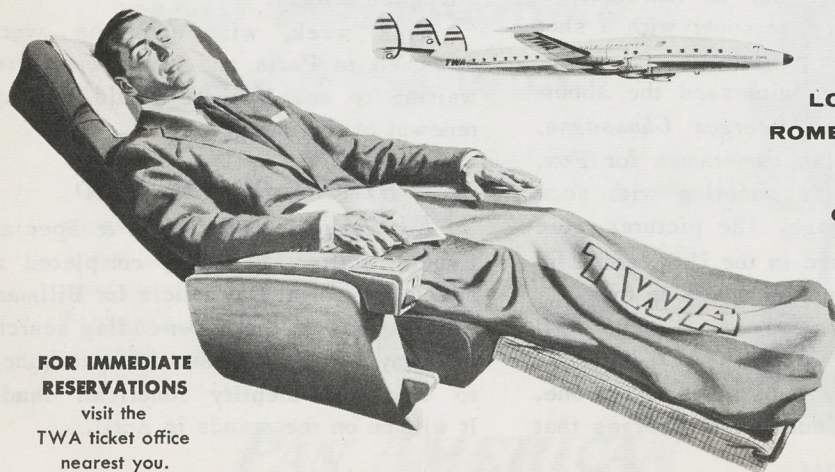
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#### ARRIVAL

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